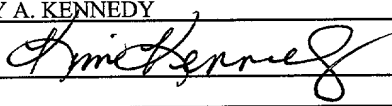


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to commencing the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the above-referenced application as set forth below to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the specification:

On page 1, after the title, before Summary of the Invention, please insert

--PRIOR RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/189,156, filed on November 9, 1998.--.

On page 5, line 13, delete "confirm" and insert --confirms--.

On page 12, line 13, after US5,756,126, delete "," and insert ---.

On page 15, line 22, please delete "spirt" and insert --spirit--.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 20 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 22 as follows:

22. The sample collection device of claim [4] 21, wherein the device is selected from the group consisting of a Guthrie card, a trifold collection card, a bifold collection card, paper, slide, tube or container.

REMARKS

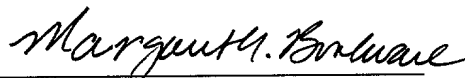
After entry of the amendment requested supra, claims 21 and 22 are pending. These claims, as amended, are listed in Appendix A [Marked-up Claims] and Appendix B [Clean Copy of Claims] of this communication.

Favorable consideration of the above-identified application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested. Applicants earnestly solicit an early notice of allowance.

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APPENDIX A: MARKED-UP CLAIMS

21. An improved sample collection device for use in identifying newborn/mother pairs, said device comprising:

- i. a location and label for a maternal cell sample,
- ii. a location and label for a newborn cell sample;
- iii. optionally, a location and label for a mixed newborn and mother cell sample;
- and
- iv. optionally, a location and label for a paternal cell sample.

22. The sample collection device of claim [4] 21, wherein the device is selected from the group consisting of a Guthrie card, a trifold collection card, a bifold collection card, paper, slide, tube or container.

APPENDIX B: CLEAN COPY OF CLAIMS

21. An improved sample collection device for use in identifying newborn/mother pairs, said device comprising:

- i. a location and label for a maternal cell sample,
- ii. a location and label for a newborn cell sample;
- iii. optionally, a location and label for a mixed newborn and mother cell sample;
- and
- iv. optionally, a location and label for a paternal cell sample.

22. The sample collection device of claim 21, wherein the device is selected from the group consisting of a Guthrie card, a trifold collection card, a bifold collection card, paper, slide, tube or container.